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1. LAOS:

A. SOUVANNA PHOUMA IS REPORTEDLY READY FOR ANOTHER ROUND OF COALITION TALKS WITH BOUN OUM - SET FOR LUANG PRABANG FRIDAY. SOUPHANNOUVONG, NOW IN PEIPING, IS LESS LIKELY TO SHOW. WITH BOTH SIDES HARDENING THEIR STAND AND MILITARY TENSION RISING, WE REMAIN PESSIMISTIC FOR ANY EARLY POLITICAL SETTLEMENT.

B. PHOUMI HAS SARIT'S PROMISED "LETTER." HE SUSPECTS IT WAS SENT UNDER PRESSURE AND SAYS IT SIMPLY STATES OUR POSITION ON CEDING DEFENSE AND INTERIOR PORTFOLIOS AND CONTAINS NO THAI ADVICE. AMBASSADOR YOUNG BELIEVES FOREIGN MINISTER THANAT IS HAVING ROUGH GOING ARGUING OUR CASE WITH SARIT. HE NOTES THAI OFFICIALS REMAIN "SHOCKED AND FEARFUL" OVER CONSEQUENCES IN LAOS AND RECOMMENDS WE CONTINUE CONVINCING AND REASSURING THE GOVERNMENT "WITHOUT LET-UP."

C. VIENTIANE REINFORCEMENTS ARRIVED AT NAM THA IN NORTHWEST LAOS BUT THE ENEMY NOW IS REPORTED WITHIN 6 MILES OF THE TOWN AND IS CAPABLE OF TAKING IT SHOULD THEY SO CHOOSE. THE SITUATION IN SOUTH CENTRAL LAOS IS FLUID. KONG LE FORCES ARE BUSY ESTABLISHING AMBUSHES AND CLAIM TO HAVE SURROUNDED 400 GOVERNMENT TROOPS. 50X1

2. CONGO:

A. STRONG MOSCOW PROPAGANDA ATTACKS ON THE UN CONGO ROLE SET THE STAGE FOR A BITTER SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE TUESDAY. OUR DELEGATION IS ACTIVELY LINING UP PROCEDURAL WEAPONS TO FORESTALL OR AT LEAST BLUNT THE SOVIET ATTACK. IN HIS PRESS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY, HELD AT OUR URGING, ADOULA SHARPLY CONDEMNED THE SOVIET MOVE AND STATED HE WILL ACTIVELY OPPOSE IT UPON HIS NEW YORK ARRIVAL THIS WEEK.

B. ADOULA ALSO PROMISES US ACTION AGAINST RAMPAGING TROOPS IN THE INTERIOR. OUR MILITARY ATTACHE EXPECTS DEPRADATIONS TO CONTINUE UNTIL THE ROVING BANDS ARE BROUGHT TO HEEL.

C. THE CONGO FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS INFORMED GULLION THAT TSHOMBE'S ADMISSION TO THE US WOULD BE CONSIDERED AN "UNFRIENDLY GESTURE." TSHOMBE MEANWHILE BASKS IN UN KUDOS FOR HIS MERCENARY DISMISSALS, AND A MOOD OF UN-KATANGAN RAPPROCHMENT IS IN THE AIR. OUR AMBASSADOR, HOWEVER, REMAINS SUSPICIOUS OF TSHOMBE'S MOTIVES AND INTENTIONS.

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C. EMBASSY DJAKARTA REPORTS INDONESIAN COMMUNISTS AND BLOC REPRESENTATIVES ARE VIGOROUSLY EXPLOITING SUKARNO'S PRESENT HIGHLY NERVOUS AND IRRITABLE MOOD TO AROUSE HIS SUSPICIONS OF WESTERN INTENTIONS.

5. USSR:

POSTPONEMENT OF THE PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE PLENUM

IS THE LATEST SIGN OF CONTINUING 50X1
SOVIET LEADERSHIP INDECISION. WE SUSPECT THE SESSION, OSTENSIBLY INVOLVING ONLY AGRICULTURE, WILL ACT ON MOLOTOV AND COMPANY'S PARTY EXPULSION AND WRESTLE WITH THE CHINA-ALBANIA PROBLEM.

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6. NOTES:

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A. INDIA APPEARS CERTAIN TO REJECT BLACK'S MEDIATION AND NEHRU'S
REPLY IS ON THE WAY TO WASHINGTON.

B. MORE ADZHUBEI MEXICO QUOTES: "THE USSR PREFERS PEACE BUT
WOULD GO TO WAR TO DEFEND CUBA"; A US CUBAN BLOCKADE OBSTRUCTING
SOVIET BLOC SHIPS WOULD BE CONSIDERED "AS AN ACT OF WAR"; PLUS A
REPEAT ON MEXICANS ARE POORER BECAUSE WE EXPLOIT THEM FOR OUR OWN
BENEFIT. TODAY'S PRAVDA CARRIES HIS CASTRO INTERVIEW.

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D. EMBASSY TEHRAN BELIEVES PRIME MINISTER AMINI'S FORTHRIGHT
HANDLING OF THE RECENT CRISIS HAS STRENGTHENED HIS POSITION AND EXPECTS
HIM TO BE AROUND FOR "QUITE AWHILE YET."

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F. WE HAVE OBTAINED A COPY OF A "CHAIN LETTER" GOING THE ROUNDS
IN EAST GERMANY CALLING FOR ORGANIZED PASSIVE RESISTANCE TO ULBRICHT'S
REGIME. WE BELIEVE IT GENUINE AND ARE IMPRESSED BY THE FEASIBILITY OF
ITS PROPOSALS CAPITALIZING ON EVERYDAY ACTS OF ECONOMIC SABOTAGE--

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